" Will the Sahib shoot it as it stands in the stable or shall we take it outside the kheddah to be shot?"

"I'll shout it in the stable, jemadar. It would be dangerous to attempt to meve it. Maharaja and Sundara could easily drag the body outside afterward. See that the two are ready harnessed

to-morrow morning."
At what time will the Sahib shoot

"About 8 o'clock. And see that his rifle, in the hope of being able to shoot the elephant before it did any half a dozen men are ready with axes and knives to take out its tusks and to damage. Another moment and the cut off its feet," huge beast was free. As the last chain "Very well, Sahib. It has been ward, and, seizing the animal again by

very furious to-day. It nearly killed Soojah, the mahout elephant-driver, as he was throwing a bundle of fodder to it. It chipped a great piece out of one of the pests with its left tusk as it thrust at him."

"Is the tusk damaged?"
"Not seriously, Sahib, I believe. have not seen it myself, but Soojah reports that a small piece is broken off "I would like to see it; the tusk

may be cracked.' So saying, Captain Eaton put on his sun-helmet, and accompanied by the old jemadar, stepped out of his office into

Captain Eaton was in charge of the rnment elephant kheddah, or depot, at Jehanabad. It was a responsible and important post, for there were more than 100 elephants in the kheddah, and several hundred men were employed as mahouts and forder coolies and in other capacities to look after them.

Standing in rows in several huge and

lofty sheds, supported by ponderous len posts, were the kheddah elephants, taking their noonday rest. They were of all sizes and sexes, from the stately high-cast tusker to the little newly-born calf, with its hairy head and short undeveloped trunk. They were all busily engaged in munching their fodder, consisting of great bundles of grass and green leaves and pieces of sugar cane. All were in inessant motion, swaying their bodies backward and forward, shifting their legs uneasily, swinging their heads and trunks, and flapping their ears. Near by sat the mahouts and other attendants smoking, and watching their elephants feeding. As the Sahib entered the yard they all rose quickly and salaamed to him profoundly.

Having walked through the sheds

and glanced at the elephants, and given a few orders to the mahouts, Captain Eaton proceeded across the yard to a small shed in one corner, where, tethered by itself, stood a bage tusker. It was evident there was something wrong with the animal, for its legs were se cured by huge chains, fastened to posts buried deep in the ground. A heavy chain was wound round its neck, be hind its ears, but the ends had become

unfastened and were hanging loose.

"Shaitan," or the Demon (for that
was the elephant's well-deserved name). was a peculiarly dangerous brute. During the past three or four years he had killed several men, and had of late become so vicious that for several weeks he had not been taken out of the stable. He was kept heavily chained, and was constantly watched. His food was thrown to him from a distance, no one Eaton's order the gate had been shut and ponderous wooden bars drawn daring to go within reach of his long tusks or trunk. The torn-up floor, the splintered woodwork of the stable, and the great raw wounds on its legs caused by the chains in its struggles showed to what fits of fury it was liable. It was now under sentence of death, for Eaton, having reported that it was unserviceable, and also unfit for sale on account of its savage disposition, had received orders to short it.

The elephant was of great size, but long, white, scimitar-like tusks, the points of which nearly touched the ground. It was mottled, especially about the forehead, ears, and forelegs,

it a most unpleasant appearance. As Captain Eaton, followed by the jemadar and some other men, approachd, the elephant, which had been restlessly swaving itself backward and forward, stopped for an instant, cocked its ears viciously, and looked at its foes malevolently with its little pig-like eyes. Then it resumed its restless movements, as if unconscious of their pre-sence, nevertheless keeping a sharp lookout for an opportunity of striking at any one coming within reach. When the Captain had approach as close to it as he thought safe in order to examine the injured tusk, the elephant struck furiously at him with its trunk; and as he stepped back to avoid the blow he heard a deep voice behind him say: " Salaam ! Sahih "

Turning sharply, Captain Eaton found standing behind him a tall, gaunt Afghan, clad in dirty and tattered clothes and carrying in his sinewy right hand a heavy iron ankrus, or elephant driving-hook. He was evidently an extremely powerful man, and his face was in keeping with his stature, for it was a somewhat uncommon one. He was very dark for an Afghan, and had a huge hooked nose, like the beak of a vulture. The expression of his mouth, partially concealed by a flowing black moustache and beard, was hard and stern. Under his bushy eyebrows gleamed a pair of dark, sunken eyes. painted round with | ing with the other elephants?" henna, keen, fierce, and unflinching, glanced at him he thought he had never

seen so forbidding a face. "Who are you?" he asked, "I am named Bux Khan; I am a Kandahari," replied the man in a voice of singular depth and power.

"What are you?"
"I am an elephant-tamer."

quiet reply.

Without a word, the Afghan tightned his waist cloth and settled his turban firmly on his head. Then grasping his driving-hook he stepped fearssly up to the elephant and seizing it by one ear shouted, "Kneel down!"
Instead of immediately seizing him

with its trunk, or attempting to drive its tusks through him, as all who saw fast its legs with the chains. Having it expected, the elephant shrank from the Afghan as far as it could, in evident "Kneel down !" thundered the Afghan again.

To the amazement of the lookers-on. the elephant slowly bent its knees and lowered itself in a crouching attitude. But the low, rumbling noise it made and the quick movement of its ears and flerce little eyes showed that though overawed and startled, its savage na-Then, to the horror of all who were

phant was tethered.

"By Allah, I believe the man is ad!" exclaimed the old jemadar.
"Gracious powers, the brute will be

busy uncoupling the chain on its other leg. 'Shouting "Run, run, all of you," Captain Eaton darted out of the stabl'.

and ran at the top of his speed to his

the ear, shouted in stentorian tones,

bered on to its back, and in another

moment was firmly seated on its shoul-

the chain around its neck. A moment

trunk and flery eyes, ready to do bat-

was to get rid of its rider. Standing

band was shaken loose, the Afghan

head. Confused and maddened, Shaitan

rage and fear.

Meanwhile the whole kheddah was

ants had fled-rome outside the khed-dah, and others into the buildings in

the yard-dragging their wives and

children with them, while the rest had

climbed on to the roofs of the sheds or

on to the walls. The elephants tethered

in the sheds, excited by Shaitan's furi-

ous bellowing, were trumpeting shrilly

and what would happen then they knew

only too well-a battle-royal between

it and Shaitan.
Suddenly, with an ear-piercing trum-

pet, Shaitan rushed across the yard

to where, tethered with two others,

stood a sick elephant, quiet and list-

less. With one blow Shaitan knocked

it down on its side. It then lowered

its head to drive its tusks into the pros-

coiled, and again attempted, though

unsuccessfully, to shake him off.

Another attempt to attack the other

elephants in the shed was frustrated by

the Afghan in a similar way. All at once

great gate of the kheddah.

Bux Khan still on his back.

with head up and ears cocked, and tail

across it. Seeing the elephant coming,

the men on the top of the walls and sheds shouted in order to try and turn

it. It went straight for it, however.

the town his anxiety lest he should be

is still riding him ! "

owever, by the Alghan, the creature

walked slowly and quietly to its stable

next ordered it to rise, he walked round

speaking encouragingly, as it shrunk

from him in evident terror. Then, hav-

should have come into the kheddah, re-

Eaton stood and made his salaam.

'Kneel down : kneel down ! "

"Well, friend," he said, as the Afgreatly. loose in another moment ! " ejaculated ghan salaamed, "you have given us a great deal of trouble this afternoon. Captain Eaton, horror-struck at the impending danger. Stepping forward, he was about to seize the Afghan, in order and put the lives of many people in danger."
. The Sahib gave me permission to to drag him out of the stable, when the elephant suddenly rose to his feet. It

was too late. Its fore-legs and one hind-leg were free, and the Afghan was man quietly. man quietly. " That is true," said Captain Eaton; "but had I supposed for a moment that you were going to set it at liberty, I would never have given you permission. bungalow, outside the kheddah, to get his rifle, in the hope of being able to shoot the elephant before it did any given him be permanent? Will he re-

"While I am with him he will, fell from his leg the Afghan sprang for- Sahib." "Would it be safe for me to go up

to him now?"
"No, Sahib. Though he fears me, With a muffled rumble, balf of fear and will not attempt to attack me, it and half of rage, the elephant knelt for would not be so in your case. It will a moment on its hind knees. Leaping on to its bent leg, the Afghan clammyself to go near him for the present."

"What brought you here to-day?" "I came to apply for work, Sahib." ders, with his legs securely twisted into "Well, as you have been so successlater Shaitan strode out of the stable ful in taking the flend out of that creainto the open yard, with the Afghan on ture, you had better remain is charge of it till I have decided what is to be its back, and with head erect, extended done." So saying, Eaton turned to the the with all creation. Its first effort jemadar, and ordered the Afghan's name to be entered on the roll of ma-

houts at the same rate of pay as that

in the open, with one leg uplifted, it endeavored to shake the Afghan off; drawn by Shaitan's former mahout, who was given other work. but, though his turban flew one way and his knife another, and his waist-After having given various other orders and had a good look at the conkept his seat through the grip he had of | quered Shaitan, the Captain walked off the neck-chain with his legs. The in-stant the elephant stopped its efforts to meditations that evening over the shake him off, the Afghan raised, his strange events of the afternoon was driving-hook, which he had never let that next morning he wrote a long rego, and dealt some blows on Shaitan's port to the Government, detailing what had happened, and strongly recomturned round and round, squealing with | mending that the elephant be shot, as ordered, but left in charge of Bux Khan, the elephant-tamer. He, in the utmost confusion, and the uproar tremendous. All the elephant attendit at once, without waiting for the sanction of Government, in the event of it breaking out again.

CHAPTER II.

THE ELEPHANT-TAMER'S CHILD.

Next morning Bux Khan entered on his duties as the mahout of the ele-phant Shaitan. According to his prein response and straining heavily at their ropes and chains. The trembling elephant attendants, looking on from diction, Shaitan, after the severe lesson it had received, remained quiet and made no attempt to attack him. places of safety, expected every moment to see some huge tusker break loose, animal would not, however, allow any one else to approach it, and an un-fortunate fodder coolie, who carelessly went within its reach while throwing it bundle of grass, received a blow from his trunk that sent him to the hospital for several days. Bux Khanhad consequently himself to do all the work connected with the elephant-to feed and bathe it, and to dress its sores, and to clean out its stable. He took it every day to work; and it wrought steadily trate elephant; but upon being chattised by its rider, the Afghan, it reest disposition to attack any of the other elephants. In fact, Shaitan became, to all intents and purposes, a perfeetly steady, hard-working elephant, with the single fault that it was exceedingly dangerous for any person but its stiff out behind, Shaitan turned an l mahout to go near it.

made straight across the yard for the The feat that Bux Khan had per-

formed in subduing Shaitan made him, in the eyes of all who were employed at the kheddah, a sort of hero. them, however, could understand the strange power he seemed to exercise over the savage brute. Many of them attributed it to magic. An impudent There was a tremendous shock, a loul fodder coolie ventured to ask him crash, and the next moment Shaitan was outside the kheddah and careering down the street into the town, with the scowl with which the Afghan responded to the question that able habits. A few seconds later Captain Eaton the man turned hastily away, and never appeared, running from his bungalow, afterward dared to speak to him. The day to make Captain Eaton regret for and procured the assistance of two wolow the elephant and shoot it as soon was something uncanny about him. as possible. Calling on a couple of men to follow him, he set off in the direction ing except on matters of business. Frequently, though addressed in a the elephant had taken. He had no with pale, flesh-colored patches, giving occasion to ask the way; the crowds of friendly manner, he would make no excited natives that he met on the road reply. When not at work he would showed the sensation that Shaitan had sit smoking for hours near his elephant, with his eyes on the ground, si-lent and motionless, and apparently created as he passed. As Eaton neared too late to shoot the animal before it oblivious of all surroundings. He would had done some dreadful damage not associate with any of his fellow-became intense. To his great relief, mahouts, but cooked his own meals however, he found that he had and ate them by himself. Bux Khan, gone through the whole length however, won golden opinions from of the town without injuring Captain Eaton by the way he did his anything or anybody. In answer to work. Shaitan rapidly improved in his inquiries, the natives told him that | condition and temper, and became as it was going at full speed as it passed, valuable and useful an animal as any

and that the Afghan was still on its in the kheddah.

About three days after his installaback. Captain Eaton followed the elephant for several miles beyond the tion as Shaitan's mahout Bux Khan aptown, but without overtaking it. At plied one afternoon for an hour's leave length he gave up the pursuit and returned to the kheddah, where he immediately ordered several fleet elephants old, who was evidently his son, though to be got ready, and sent them off in as unlike him in many respects as it charge of a number of steady, picked was possible to be. The child was exmen, whom he armed with rifles, to ceedingly pretty, of a bright olive comlook for the escaped elephant. He de- plexion, with an oval face, regular feaand had restored order in the kheddah. bright-colored clothes, and wore gold About two hours later, while the bangles and anklets. As Bux Khan Captain was hard at work in the khed- entered the kheddah carrying the child dah, a mahout, greatly excited, rushed in, exclaiming, "Sahib! Sahib! Shaitan is coming back, and that madman and many friendly remarks were made and salutations uttered. The Afghan, "Has he been caught? Is he com- however, made no reply, and took no notice of anybody, but carried the child No, Sahib; he is conling alone, straight to his hut at the back of Shailike those of a wild beast. As Eaton and that mad fellow is still on his tan's stable. There he remained un back"; whereupon Eaton caught up disturbed, every person in the kheddah his loaded rifle, which was leaning having by this time learned better than against the wall, and ran to the gate. to thrust his company or conversation on

He arrived there just as Shaitan entered the kheddah. But instead of a It very soon became evident It very soon became evident that Bux furious and mad creature striding wildly slong and trumpeting with rage there child, and also exceedingly jealous of entered a quiet, silent, subdued ele-phant, with hanging head, limp trunk, unmistakably any attempt on the part "An elephant-tamer?" echoed the Captain with a laugh. "Would you like to try your hand on this specihis rifle to shoot it the Afghan shouted, child, and would not allow it to play "If the Sahib will permit," was the I will take it to the stable and tie it of whom there were many. He rarely let it out of his sight, and tended it as Though greatly inclined to do so. Cap-tain Eaton did not fire, but keeping at first-born. The child was as fond of a safe distance, with his eye on it, de- him as he of it, and would termined to shoot it dead at the first lie in his lap as he sat smoking. sign of intended mischief. Guided, pulling his beard with its little hands and laughing in his face with childish glee. At such times something and knelt at his order. The Afghan like the ghost of a grim smile would then descended from its back and made pass over the elephant-tamer's rigid fast its legs with the chains. Having features, only to be exchanged for a dark frown should any stranger pass it several times and patted its sides, by and witness the little scene.

effectually put a stop to any further ing arranged his disordered garments, disposition on the part of the people in Bux Khan stepped quietly up to where | the kheddah to take notice of the child. Observing one of the elephant attendants For the last three hours the Captain | to be gazing very earnestly at the child had been boiling with rage. That a as it was playing about, Bux Khan strange Afghan, insane, as he supposed, immediately concluded he was casting an evil eye on it. Starting to his feet, ture was not subdued. Seizing the lease a mad elephant, and ridden off the Afghan seized a heavy cud-trailing ends of the chain round his with it, after endangering the lives of gel and rushed at the man. Luckily neck, the Afghan made them fast. the people and elephants in the place, for himself the fellow was a nimble then, to the horror of all who were was an occurrence so extraordinary runner, and succeeded in escaping untaking on, he deliberately commenced that he could scarcely find words to expended the chains by which the press his surprise and wrath. But when tain Eaton, and he was at first disposed the same Afghan proved to be a sane to punish Bux Khan for the unprovoked "What are you doing? Let those man and brought the elephant back attack, but afterward decided to pass chains alone?" shouted Captain safe, quiet, and amenable to orders, his it over, as the man attacked had not wrath changed to admiration. The been hurt, and he thought it would do The Afghan took no notice of the man's great stature, his striking though more harm than good to take notice of order.

man's great stature, his striking though more harm than good to take notice of forbidding face, his iron nerve and cool- it. Nothing was known of the mother

Something which happened one day

mor current in the kheddah that Bux Khan had in a fit of jealousy murdered his wife, a young girl to whom he had been devotedly attached, and had since gone mad with remorse. One thing was ertain, no one ventured to question

him on the subject. Several weeks passed away, and Captain Eaton had seen no reason to change the good opinion he had formed of the elephant-tamer. He was by far the best mahout in the kheddah, and his sobriety, steadiness, and regularity made For some time past Eaton had been

irregularities to creep into the daily work at the kheddah, the consequence being that discipline was much relaxed. Another thing that troubled Captain Eaton was that a batch of elephants had recently arrived at the kheddah from Lower Bengal, the mahouts and coolies in charge of which were the worst he had ever had to deal with. They were, most of them, low-caste Hindoos, and were a noisy, drunken, turbulent lot, ever giving trouble, and taxing Eaton's patience to the utmost. Drunken or-gies, followed by fights, had of late been of frequent occurrence, while several of the men, being confirmed bangdah had also become common. Cap-tain Eaton had dismissed one or two already been decided on. He had mereand flogged others without improving matters much, and was now at his wits end. He determined to pension off the old jemadar and appoint another man in his place, on whom been the oldender, he would be considered the act of a madous consequently lightly punished by a trifling fine. Had any other man than been the offender, he would an unsatisfactory state, and Eaton man than the consequence of the state of the pension of the old jemadar and appoint another man in his place, on whom been decided on. He had not said or done anything that consequently lightly punished by a trifling fine. Had any other man than the pension of the old jemadar and appoint another man in his place, on whom been decided on. He had not said or done anything that consequently lightly punished by a trifling fine. Had any other man than the pension off the old jemadar and appoint another man in his place, on whom he could rely to assist him in re- not only have been dismissed but prostoring order and discipline; nor had bably have been committed to jail. the far to look. In Bux Khan he had a The jemadar was too valuable a man. man to his hand, whom all respected and feared, and whose giant strength, ter was glad of any excuse to pass cool courage, and iron nature fitted him over the matter. He took care, howreckless characters. Though there were | kheddah know the reason for his lenity, several elderly mahouts, who, by right | warning them at the same time that any of seniority and good conduct, were entitled to the post of jemadar, Katon | the future would be visited with the was not long in making up his mind to | severest punishment. appoint the Afghan. Having decided on this step he sent for him at once.
"Bux Khan," he said, when the ele-

phant-tamer presented himself, "I have ent for you to tell you that I am greatly pleased with the way in which you have conducted yourself since you entered my service." Bux Khan salaamed, but made no

I am therefore about to reward make you jemadar." Bux Khan salaamed again, but with-

pleasure.

. You know the trouble we have had ances and irregularities."
"Sahib!" replied Bux Khan, not

So the elephant-tamer was made jemadar, and the wisdom of the appointwas some natural grumbling and dis-Bux Khen was in his right place. So great was the respect all had for him, and so strong was the feeling among the bad characters of the kheddah, that

it was a proceeding of no ordinary peril that in a few days the turbulent were into keeping soher, and the petty thieves induced to drop their objection-

operation which was being performed on an elephant, and close by, within twenty or thirty yards, stood Shaitan The Englishman knews in its stable. In front of it, but out of Khan himself was not in sight. He had been suddenly called away to attend to denly one of the men who was assist-

preserve it ! " hains, and, stretching out his trunk, and Shaitan was turning round to ciful One."

seize him when Captain Eaton rushed bant-spear, with which he gave the hurled heavily against the stable wall. loose part of his coat, grazing his side. Before Shaitan could repeat the thrust, spear, thrown by one of the men who had hastened to their master's assistance, struck the ferocious animal. With a roar of pain, the brute threw its head up, whereupon Eaton seized the opportunity to roll sideways out of its reach, dragging the child with him. Having failed in its murderous intentions. Shaitan, after rumbling with rage for a few moments, commenced to

eat again as if nothing had happened. Meanwhile the Captain had carried the child to his office and examined him to see if he was hurt. To his surprise he found him uninjured. His having fallen on the bundle of fodder when the elephant threw him into the air had | dah. saved the child from breaking any

That evening, as Captain Eaton sat smoking in his veranda after dinner, Bux Kahn stalked in, and standing before him, salaamed deeply two or three times without saying a word; then touching his master's knees and feet, and afterward his own forehead, he salaamed again, and walked silently away. And the Englishman knew better than if Bux Khan had spent an hour in pro- plain to testations, that he had in the jemadar a devoted follower, bound to him by the

ness, and the strange power he seemed of the child; but there was a dark ru-to powers impressed the Anglo-Indian mor current in the kheddah that Bux down to the kheddah at once? " no said. "We have something to sho him."

.. What is the matter? " . "Shaitan is dead," replied the man. "Dead! What did he die of?" "He has been killed," was the re-

Captain Eaton at once hurried down

to the kheddah, and went straight to

Shaitan's stable. There lay the ele-

phant on its side dead, in a great pool of blood. An examination showed that him a model to all the others. His it had received two deep thrusts behind good conduct soon brought him an un-expected reward. the left fore-leg, both of which must have penetrated its heart. The spear with which the wounds had evidently dissatisfied with the conduct of the been inflicted was lying on the floor of jemadar, his head man. He was getting very old, and being of an easy. ask who had done the deed. kindly disposition had allowed many was but one man in the ki was but one man in the kheddah who had sufficient strength and courage, as every one knew, and that was But Khan, the jemadar. He had clearly during the night taken vengeance on the elephant for its attack on his child. Faton at once sent for him and taxed him with the offence. The Afghan did not attempt to deny it, and his face gleamed as he said grimly ; " It is true, Sahib; I killed it.' Captain Eaton spoke severely to him. pointing out to him the gravity of the ffence he had committed, but in his heart he sympathized with the man, and was glad the dangerous creature

had thus been disposed of. Bux Khan smokers, were often incapable of work. listened silently and made no attempt to exculpate himself. It was well for him that the death of the elephant had bably have been committed to however, to lose, and his English masever, to let every one employed at the

BUX RHAN'S FATE. Although it had been supposed that Bux Khan's child had escaped unburt from the elephant, it soon proved that he had in some way been injured in er-nally. From the day of Shaitan's outbreak and death the little fellow began to pine away. Every day he grew worse, till it was clear to everybody in you and to raise you to a post of great the place that he was dying. The only responsibility and trust; I intend to person who did not appear to be aware person who did not appear to be aware how serious was the child's condition seemed to be Bax Khan himself. out any expression of surprise or That he was anxious and disturbed was evident, for, for the first time he began to neglect his duties. recently with those Bengalees; I shall He now never left the child day or rely on you to put down all disturb- night. His master tried to induce him the boy; but Bux Khan respectfully boastfully, but with quiet conviction.
"I am one whom men obey. I will have faith in certain nostrums and keep those Hindoo dogs in order."

but firmly refused. He appeared to have faith in certain nostrums and drugs, which he himself administered to the child. All that Eaton could do was to excuse him from his duties, so ment was soon manifest. At first there | that he might always be with his too-

Most of the people in the kheddah sympathized sincerely, and would omfort they could, but they knew Bux Khan's peculiar temper too well to care any offer of help, or to express their sympathy. Consequently he was left alone with his child, his only overawed, and bang-smokers frightened visitor being Captain Eaton, who frequently looked in to inquire how the child was. At length the little fellow became so ill that Bux Khan, alarmed Something happened, however, one at last, smothered his jealous feelings dinner his butler came in and reported

The Englishman knewvery well what child was referred to; so, after dinner, its reach. Bux Khan's little son was he repaired to the blieddah to see if he playing about, but, strange to say, Bux | could do anything or be of any assistance. There was a dim light burning in Bux Khan's hut, and, looking in at some important duty, and for once had | the door, Eaton saw the Afghan sitting let his child out of sight, when sud- cross-legged on the floor with the bod of the child on his lap. He was no ing at the operation exclaimed, "Sa-hib, Sahib, look at the child! Allah motionless, looking down on the little dead face. There was an expres Looking quickly up, Captain Eaton sion on the man's dark face which saw to his horror that Bux Khan's made Captain Eaton hesitate to address child had in his play approached within reach of Shaitan. Almost before he for a strong man's arony. After look could realize the danger he saw Shaitan ing on quietly for a few seconds h stride forward to the full length of his stepped softly in and, touching the je madar gently on the shoulder, whis seize the child round the body. The peted: "Bux Khan, remember what is child was but a mere feather-weight to written. Verily, children are as the the elephant, and with one twist of its flowers of the earth. Death as the hot powerful trunk it threw him over its wind cometh, and they wither and die houlder into the stable behind. The But they shall bloom again in the little fellow fell on to a heap of fodder. paradise of the faithful, saith the Mer

Bux Khan did not look up or make

any reply, so the Captain went quietly to the child's rescue.

He was only just in time. Leaning up against the stable wall was an eledawn, the watcher at the kheddah gate brute a thrust, causing it to turn on saw the jemadar pass out, carrying his him, and with one blow to strike the dead child in his arms and with a matspear out of his hands. Before the ele-phant could strike again Captain Eaton he was about to do, the man followed darted past it, and, seizing the child by him, carefully keeping out of sight the arm, tried to drag him out of the Bux Khan strode rapidly on till he stable. As he stooped to grasp the came to a mango tope about half a mile child's arm the elephant kicked out vio- from the town. In the centre of the lently, and the gallant rescuer was tope stood the ruined tomb of a Mo hammedan saint. Having laid the body He fortunately fell in such a position that Shaitan could not easily get at him. Nevertheless the brute made a thrust sideways at him with its back of the tomb. Then the tusks, one of which passed through the watcher saw him take up the hody of the child, and, without looking at its face or making any demonstration of affection or sorrow. place it in the grave and shovel the earth on it. When the grave was filled up he collected together a number of heavy stones and piled them on the spot to prevent the jackals from dig-ging up the body. While looking for the stones Bex Khan approached near to where the watcher was standing be hind a mango tree, and the man crouched and trembled, for he knew what to expect if the jemadar disco vered him. Having buried his child, Bux Khan stood for a few moments silent over the grave, then turned slowly away and strode back to the khed-

Next day the jemadar resumed his work as if nothing had happened. It was soon known throughout the kheddah what he had done with the child, and so no questions were asked. At first there was little in his appearance or manner to show that he was much affected at the loss of his child. He went about his work much as usual, of a week or two it became very Captain Eaton, who watching him anxiously, Was

that there was something very tie of a gratitude deep and lasting. wreng with him. He became gaunt
This new outbreak of Shaitan's dewreng with him. He became gaunt cided Captain Eaton to get rid of it at | ported that he hardly ever slept, and to shoot it next day. But he was saved the trouble. Early next morning, before he went to his office, an old mahout presented himself at the bunga
ing about one night, and overheard him walking about one night, and overheard him citement in the kheddah was tremen-

dentally glancing into his hat as particulars of what had taken place, he walked past, saw him sitting and to congratulate their master on his there on the floor gazing at some-thing in his lap. A second glance showed it to be some of the dead child's clothes and ornaments. Bux Khan was standing in the door-way. The mad gazed fixedly at his master for a few seconds, as if he did not recognize him, convinced Captain Eaton that his suspi cion that the man's reason was shaken was correct. Seeing in what mood the jemadar was, he walked on without a

The fear and awe with which the jemadar was regarded by everybody in the kheddah now reached such a pitch as to cause Eaton great annoyance and | Sahib." trouble. Not a man would speak to him except when it could not be avoided, and the mahouts and others constantly came to their master for orders and instructions for which they should have gone to the jemadar. The women and children in the kheddah fled when they saw him approaching, and hid themselves out of his sight, as if he had been a wild beast. He was universally credited with possessing all sorts of strange and malign powers, so that any person on whom the jemadar happened to look with his gleaming sunken eyes immediately commenced to mutter charms, to avert the evil eye he supposed to be cast on him.

Several weeks passed, and the jourawas anxiously debating with himself what course he should take. One day he received a letter from the Goveroment which assisted to help him ou of his difficulty. He was ordered to take all the elephants to Shoranpur, a place about sixty miles from Jehana attempt to kill or injureany elephant in dah. The bustle and excitement of the next few days seemed to have the effect of rousing the jemadar, and be exerted bimself to carry out his master's orders with such intelligence and promptness that Captain Eaton was greatly pleased, and his suspicions as to the man's state of mind began t

wear off.
Within a short time the kheddah was removed to Shoranpur. It was a small town, far from the frontier, and was a ild, unsettled, out-of-the-way place. the haunt of numerous decoits, Afghan horse-thieves, and other bad characters It was not long before Captain Eato realized what a savage, lawless place it was. One evening, a week or two after hib."
bis arrival at Shoranpur, as he sat in Cal his room counting over a large number test morning, being the wages of the establishment for the past month, he heard some one enter the room, and

locking up, saw Bux Khan,
"I have something to report, Sahi"s."
Le said, as he salaamed.

face, thinking it might possibly be the delusion of a disordered mind. But there was nothing in his face or in the way he spoke to countenance the idea. He was perfectly quiet and composed, and his eyes were steadier and had less of the strange gleam in them that had

our throat while you are sleeping, nd then carry off the rupees."

welcome piece of news.
"If the Sahib will permit me to sit

them and receive them when they ior -almost a smile-passed over the emadar's face.

deal with the five, do you think?"
"Yes, Sahib," was the reply. "The
Bengalees are cowardly dogs, and will ot light. I will manage my two countrymen, if need be,"
So it was decided, after a few more

pinutes' conversation, that Captain Eaton and the jemadar should sit up egether armed, and arrest the villains n the act of breaking into the house. About 10 o'clock that night the emadar presented himself at the winlow of his master's bed-room and was nictly nomitted. Without a word he ck up his position in one corner, and, laving girded himself for action, quatted down on the floor with his ukri or heavy convex-edged Afghan

moved and whispered: "Sahib, they

word and loaded revolver on the table

ne coming!" Both men rose to their feet, and, grasping their weapons, stepped back into the dark corner of the room. They heard whispering voices outside; the window was pushed open, and one by one the five robbers crept into the room. Suddenly there was a faint gleam of light. One of the men had taken a lighted lamp out of an earthenware pot in which he had been carrying it. The next moment there was a rush and a loud crash. The jemadar had sprung on to one of the Afghans and hurled him to the ground with stunning force. At the same moment Captain Eaton sprang to the window, and swinging his sword and holding his revolver ready to fire, shouted : " Drop

your weapons !

The next instant the Captain was lyng on his back. The other Afghan had rushed at him, and in stepping back o strike at him with his sword Eaton had tripped and fallen. His revolver xploded harmlessly as he fell. The Afghan threw himself on him, and for some moments there was a furious struggle on the ground. Suidenly the that were d Afghan gasped and fell back, almost of Argus." Smidenly the quietly and silently. But at the end cloven in two. The jemadar, having disabled and disarmed his man, had come to his master's assistance, and with one blow of his trenchant blade had struck the life out of the Afghan, Meanwhile the rascally Bengalee mahouts, thoroughly scared by the suddenness of the attack and the report of the once, as too dangerous an animal to that he was accustomed to move rest-keep in the kheddah. He determined lessly about all night in his hut, or howling for mercy. Lights were soon

child by his side. It happened tain Eaton's bungalow was crowded one day that Captain Eaton, acci- with his people, all anxious to hear the

four prisoners off to the jail and handed over the body of the Afghan to the provise silk hats. These consisted of a body and brim made of two or three that lay in the palm of his huge brown all the people employed at the kheddah, thicknesses of cotton-cloth, saturated and publicly thanked the jemadar for with varnish to give the material stiff.

a moment's hesitation: "Two days, rim is then "bound round,"

his butler spoke to him about some is teady for the market. Many and a business connected with the kheddah, ried have been the shapes and at the whereupon his master ordered that

"Then what makes you think he will nated. Beaux, or what in the plan

"Sahib, he took his gun with him," said the butler, with a nod full of mean-

several respectable, elderly men con-rected with the kheddah, and having an expert can hardly tell the difference, told them of his butler's suspicions, except in price. So much for Japanese asked their opinion. They unanimously "cheap labor." After the grain has ngreed that the jetnadar would shoot ripened the stalk is gathered, brailed, himself. They also gave it as their and sent to its destination.

incontains—plotting with some of our Bengalee mahouts to murder the saluly to happen. He lay awake for hours, to happen. He lay awake for hours, to happen think how he could and be pointed to the heap of rupees on the table.

This was startling news. The Englishman looked steadily in the jemadar's face, thinking it might possibly be the saluly in the jemadar's face, thinking it might possibly be the saluly in the jemadar's face, thinking it might possibly be the saluly in the jemadar to Jehanabad, and follow the jemadar to Jehanabad, and follow the jemadar to Jehanabad, and if he found him, to try and induce the saluly in the jemadar's and follow the jemadar to Jehanabad, and to do with their being ostracted. him to return to the kheddah at once Het he felt very little hope of succeed-

About 4 o'clock in the morning he A BSOLUTELY PURE. got up, and having roused his servants, ordered them to get everything ready before so impressed Captain Eaton.

Did you recognize any of the ma- An hour before daybreak he started. its long legs, roach back, small head, and other bad points showed it to be a low-caste animal. It had a pair of long, white, seimitar-like tusks, the them at once by their voices, though I did not see them. They were Toolsee, Bannajee, and the old man La! Dass."

Saries. They travelled as fast as they could all day, only halting for an hour at midday for rest and food. In "Did you hear what their plan the evening they arrived at a small village, having ridden more than thirty "Yes, Sahib. They intend to enter your room about moleight, and to cut ney. As they rode along Eaton inquired of the people they met and at the bazaars through which they passed "What do you think we ought to do, jemadar?" asked Euton, after a Pox Khan was a man of too striking an whether any one had seen the jemalar,

pause, while he thought over this un-sylvante there of news, swer to the Englishman's inquiries many persons stated that they had seen n his room, I think we should wait for a very tall Alghan carrying a gun, walking rapidly in the direction of Jehanabad, the previous afternoon.

Having passed the night in a native

ton very early next morning resumed his journey. He continued to inquire whether they had met the jemadar; and it soon became evident from their replies to the question as to when they had seen him that he had walked straight on without stopping to rest or to cut or drink. As they neared Je-hanabad Faton's heart sank within him, for he knew that the jemadar must have got there during the pre-vious evening, and what had happened during the past eighteen hours he shaddered to think. So anxious was he that he would not stop to rest at midday, but pushed on and rode ahead of the elephants. It was early in the afternoon when he got to Jehananife across his knees. Captain Eaton bad, and, riding through the town, cated himself opposite to him on the made his way to the mango tope other side of the window, laying his where he knew Bux Khan had TO THE VOTERS OF RICHMOND. buried his child. He soon came in sight of it. It was quite deserted; not a soul was in sight. When he came in sight of the saint's tomb, however, his heart stood still, for a number of sight of it. It was quite deserted; not a soul was in sight. When he came noisy crows were perched on the tree TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS overshadowing it. The gallant Englishman drew rein and rode slowly up to and round the tomb. His worst fears were realized; for here, across the grave of his child, his empty gun by his side, lay Bux Khan dead.

HOW HATS ARE MADE. When Knights Laid Aside Helmeis for Other

Headgear. Philadelphia News How many persons know how a hat is made? How little knowledge does the world in general possess of this crowning piece of male attire. The belated indulger who uses this article for the transportation of traditional ting something in the mouth to commit larceny on that part which the hat is intended to cover is totally ignorant of the many manipulations that precede its being. This notorious depository for the stereotyped "another feather is almost as ancient as the plumes that were decorated with the "eyes

Head-coverings were first worn by the crusaders in the eleventh century. They consisted of scarfs or loose caps. But it was not until the time of Elizabeth that the adornments of the intellectual end of humanity were considered indispensable. Fine hats made from the skin of the beaver and dyel black in the ski beth that the adornments of the intelwere worn by the upper classes in Great Britain. The growing difficulty, however, of obtaining the skin of this animal led to attempts to make headboard, but these were not what the

talking to himself, as if addressing a dous, and for the rest of the night Cap- most unbiassed minds would call a sucess, so they were abandoned. We or soft for was then not much used in making this little artificial habitation that always has, or is supposed to have, brains for a tenant.

In the year 1840 beavers became a

> his fidelity, skill, and courage. Bux ness, and, as our forefathers seemed to Khan acknowledged the honor with a dislike water, to reader the cloth proof salaam, but without remark and with-out a smile.
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> against dampness. These are then moulded according to the prevailing style out a smile.
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> That same morning the jemadar came of the day or the "sweet will" of the That same morning the jemadar came of the day of the to this master and asked for a leave of absence.
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> Of the day of the section of the day of the day of the section of the day of the da "Certainly," said Captain Eaton, vered with lac and dammar varmed For how long do you want leave?" and before this is dry the si'k plush A strange sort of expression passed is applied with much care lest the over the jemadar's face as he said, after seams be exposed to view. The a "woollen string," but with silk tan-It was granted at once, and the jema- a narrow band is then drawn over the dar left the kheddah a short time after-ward.
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> The hat is then lined with thin silk as As Eaton was at dinner that evening leather; when that has been put in these head-coverings, which, the nothing should be done in the matter they are supposed to decorate till the resurn of the jemadar. The butler fidgeted about for some often more brilliant than the moments, and then said: "Sahib, the they envelop. The Prittans in the jemadar will never return." time of Charles I. adopted a "Never return! Why, he only asked hat with a lofty crown, and no or two days' leave."
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> "Yes, Sahib, I know; but the joundar will never return."
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> "What do you mean? D; you think he has gone back to hi, own country?"
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> "No, Sahib."
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> brim to speak of. The Quakers, in the seventeenth century, went to the other extreme, and wore very wide brims and microscopic crowns. The wonderful growth of the brims necessitated them being fastened up at the sides and the front; thus the cocked hat one not return?" demanded Eaton, impatiently.
> "Sahib, he took his gun with him," by having caps with brims. Such most said the butler, with a nod full of meaning.
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> "Took his gun with him!" repeated
> Eaton, in surprise. Then a light broke in on him. "Why, you don't mean to say he intends to destroy himself." the intends to destroy himself?"
> That is what everybody says, Saly folded and carried under the arm.
> This, in a slightly diskrent form, is still "But why should be? I don't un- worn by the field officers in European erstand."
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> "Sahib," replied the butter, earnest—
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> Established Church wear the most no ly, "ever since the death of his child culiar et all tasts. The crown is ex the jemadar has been mad, if he was themely fall, and the brim, which is pro-

the jemadar has been mad, if he was not so before. He would have killed himself before this but for one thing."

"What was that?

"He owed you a debt of gratinude, Sahib, for saving his child from Shaitan, and until that was paid off he did not feel at liberty to do as he wished. But that debt was settled last night, when he saved your life from those murdering dogs, and now he is free. You will never see the jemadar again, Sahib, for saving and has except Mackinaw is imported. The finest comes from England, Raly, Germany, Switzerland, China, and Japan. That latter place is so like what is grown in ib." ter place is so like what is grown in Captain Eaten immediately sent for Capada—the Mackinaw—that it very

himself. They also gave it as their child's grave at 3 charabad.

What is it, jemadar?"

"As I was sitting in a shop in the lazaar this afternoon I overheard two countrymen of mine—men from the mountains—plotting with some of our large mountains—plotting with some of our large mountains and it was a shock to man, which receives its name from the lazaar this afternoon I overheard two countrymen of mine—men from the mountains—plotting with some of our large mountains—plotting with some of our large mountains—plotting with some of our large mountains—large malous to mountains—the large mountains—the la

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Yours respectfully

Seliciti ARCHER ANDERSON.

A OF RICHAMND CITY I Proportion authorities in Sect a candidate for re-tion to HOUSE OF DELEGATES, sure-tro-ting Democratic primary election, se4-14 JAMES N. UNLOP. TO THE VOTERS OF RICHMOND CITY AND HENRICO COUNTY I am a candidate for resolution to the STATE. B. A. ATKINSON Ja. Primary election September 1011.

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TO MY FELLOW-DEMOCRATS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND: I respectfully announce myself as a CANIDIPATE FOR THE NEXT HOUSE OF IELLGATES, subject to the vote at the primary election to be held on the 15th of september.

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